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CHARLESTON HARBOR AIRSHOW UPDATE 4/5

The Charleston Harbor Airshow with the amazing United States Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, The Blue Angels, will be held on Saturday, April 17 and Sunday, April 18 beginning at 2 pm each day, with shows lasting one hour each day. The Town of Mount Pleasant and the City of Charleston are co-sponsors of the event. The show will center over Charleston Harbor and the Cooper River.

Details for the public will be sent out as they are completed and confirmed. Additional details thus far are:

VIEWING LOCATIONS FOR THE PUBLIC:

In Charleston:

- Charleston Maritime Center
- Waterfront Park
- White Point Garden and the Battery
- Liberty Square/Concord Park at Calhoun and Concord

In Mount Pleasant:

- The best viewing spot in Mount Pleasant is Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum
 - Aboard the USS Yorktown: fees may be applicable
 - From the parking lot at Patriots Point: \$3 parking fee. Seating will be limited. Free access for pedestrians

NOTE: The Pedestrian and Bike Path on the Arthur Ravenel Bridge will be closed during the Charleston Harbor Airshow on Saturday and Sunday. There will also be closures of the Ped and Bike Path during practices on Thursday and Friday. Time frames will be posted later.

RESTRICTED BOAT AREAS:

- Areas in the Cooper River and Charleston Harbor will be restricted in terms of boat traffic and anchorage during the shows.
- **For specific information about restrictions regarding boats during practices and the shows, go to <http://homeport.uscg.mil/charleston>**
- **If you have specific questions, call LT Julie Miller
Sector Charleston, Waterways Management, USCG
843-720-3273
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<http://homeport.uscg.mil/charleston>**

TUNING IN TO NARRATION:

- We are currently working on arrangements with local radio stations to play the narration of the Blue Angels show done by one of the team members. Plan on bringing a portable radio to your viewing area to hear the description of the show as the Blue Angels fly. Announcements will be made as to which stations will broadcast the narration.

PARKING:

In Charleston: Shuttles will be provided from the parking lots at Lockwood and Hagood Avenues around the City Police Department. Cost for parking (which will also help to offset the cost of shuttles) will be \$5 per vehicle (standard special event rate). Shuttles will take viewers to White Point Garden and the Waterfront Park viewing areas and return them to the parking lots after the show. Shuttles will run from 11am to 5 pm Saturday and Sunday.

Parking Garage Locations – Flat Rate designated with an * at \$5 per car. All other garages are regular hourly rates**

Name	Location	
Francis Marion	399 King Street	
Camden	47 John Street	
Wentworth	81 Wentworth Street	
Gaillard	32 Alexander Street	***
Aquarium	24 Calhoun Street	***
East Bay	25 Prioleau Street	***
Majestic Square	211 King Street	
Charleston Place	85 Hassell Street	
VRTC Garage	63 Mary Street	
Concord Garage	1 Cumberland Street	***
Queen Street Garage	93 Queen Street	
St. Phillip Street Garage	34 St. Phillip Street	

Additionally, a portion of the Concord Park (Ansonborough Fields) area across from the Aquarium Garage will be set aside for parking. The charge for this lot is also \$5.

In Mount Pleasant:

- Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum Parking: \$3 per vehicle
- Memorial Waterfront Park: .50 cents per hour

TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS/ROAD CLOSINGS:

Some streets near the viewing areas may need to be closed and traffic patterns may be affected.

- On Saturday, April 17th and Sunday April 18th, the intersections of South Battery and East Battery and Murray Boulevard and King Street (around White Point Garden) will be closed to allow viewers access to the street for viewing.

- **In Mount Pleasant:**

Traffic congestion is expected as early as 10 am near Patriots Point on 4/17 and 4/18. Motorists are urged to avoid Coleman Boulevard, between 12 and 5 pm. Use US 17 South and take a left on McGrath Darby Boulevard to reach Patriots Point.

UPDATED INFORMATION will also be posted as received on the Town of Mount Pleasant and City of Charleston websites: Go to www.townofmountpleasant.com or www.charlestoncity.info.

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